

Caribbean Climate Sub Hub Webinar Conversations

DO YOU grow crops, manage forests, raise livestock, harvest marine resources, conduct agricultural research or share concerns about the future of agriculture?

JOIN the conversation and PARTICIPATE in our upcoming webinars!

We hope that the Caribbean Hub will become a conduit for two-way communication and collaboration between practitioners and scientists to create a network that can deliver relevant climate science. Through our webinar conversations, we expect to:

- **Increase awareness** of the USDA Regional Climate Hub network and the Caribbean Climate Sub Hub
- **Develop a network** of interested science providers, information users, agricultural advisors and practitioners
- **Gather information** from webinar participants and others on key issues and vulnerabilities related to:
 - climate change in the agricultural sector,
 - existing tools and capacity, knowledge gaps, and
 - best directions for the USDA Caribbean Climate Sub Hub to focus on as it begins its first year of operation.



Webinar #1: Introduction to the USDA Regional Climate Hub Network and the USDA Southeast Regional Caribbean Climate Sub Hub:

SAVE THE DATE!	English: June 25th, 2014 @ 2:00-2:45pm AST Español: June 30th, 2014 @ 2:00-2:45pm AST
Who should attend?	•All interested in climate and agriculture: agricultural Researchers and Advisors, Students, Forestry and Agricultural producers, Land-use Planners, Land-owners
What is the topic?	•Mission vision of the regional network and sub hub
What are the goals?	•Share concept of Regional hub, vision of Caribbean Sub Hub and gather information on who is interested. Introduce topics of future webinars

We highly value your input and expertise and hope you will participate!

LEARN about the NEW Caribbean Climate Sub Hub!

- The **mission** of the Sub Hub is to develop and deliver information and technology related to climate change for decision-making, planning, and management of tropical working lands in the Caribbean.
- The **goal** is to sustain and strengthen the services provided by working lands and sustain rural communities in light of increasing climate variability and change.
- The **vision** is to be a leader in efforts to ensure that food, water, and other vital resources continue to be available in the face of climate change in the Tropics.



The **webinar conversations** will be led by the Sub Hub Director William Gould, Research Ecologist with the US Forest Service International Institute of Tropical Forestry. A series four webinars will progress through topics over the next few months. They will be open to the public and we invite interested people to participate in one or all in the series. The webinars will occur in pairs, repeated in English and Spanish each week they are given.

- **Webinar #2: Issues and vulnerabilities associated with climate change, variability, and uncertainty affecting forestry and agriculture**
 - *Topic:* Discussion will cover what it means to be vulnerable to Climate Change what are the environmental and social factors that enable and/or prohibit adaptation?
 - *What are the goals:* Define terminology, discuss various factors affecting vulnerability
 - English – July 22nd, 2014 @2:00-2:45 / Spanish – July 24th, 2014 @2:00-2:45
- **Webinar #3: Partnerships, Networks, and Stakeholders in the USDA Caribbean Climate Sub Hub: Cooperative responses to climate change – what are the current tools and resources?**
 - *Topic:* Will discuss who is working to address the various environmental and social components of climate change in agriculture and the tools they are employing.
 - *What are the goals:* Raise awareness among participants of current resource availability and discuss potential gaps
 - English – July 29th, 2014 @2:00-2:45 / Spanish – July 31st, 2014 @2:00-2:45
- **Webinar #4: Where do we go from here?**
 - *What is the topic:* Directions for USDA Caribbean Climate Sub Hub: prioritizing and addressing knowledge gaps and resource needs
 - *What are the goals:* Adjusting the mission and vision to meet the issues
 - English – August 5th, 2014 @2:00-2:45 / Spanish – August 7th, 2014 @2:00-2:45



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Managing your risk in a changing climate.**



Climate Risks in the Caribbean